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INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE ORDER 12065 ON NATIONAL SECURITY
INFORMATION

1. COMPLETING THE REVIEW INITIATED A YEAR AGO BY PRM 29, THE PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED EXECUTIVE ORDER 12065, REPLACING E.O. 11652, ON CLASSIFICATION. THE NEW ORDER COMES INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 1, 1978. COPIES OF THE ORDER, THE STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON ITS SIGNING, AND A FACT SHEET ON THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE WHITE HOUSE, WILL BE SENT TO ALL POSTS.

2. THE PRINCIPAL THRUST OF THE ORDER IS EARLIER DECLASSIFICATION. FOR THE FIRST TIME, DECLASSIFICATION IS TO BE GIVEN "AN EMPHASIS COMPARABLE TO THAT ACCORDED TO CLASSIFICATION."

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3. THE ESSENTIAL CHANGES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT ARE:

A.) A DOCUMENT MAY BE CLASSIFIED ONLY IF TWO TESTS
ARE MET:

1.) THE INFORMATION MUST FALL WITHIN ONE OF
SEVEN CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA, AND

2.) UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF TBE INFORMATION
CAN BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO CAUSE
"IDENTIFIABLE, DAMAGE TO THE NATIONAL
SECURITY. RELEASE OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION AND IDENTITY OF CONFIDENTIAL
FOREIGN SOURCES IS PRESUMED TO CAUSE SUCH
DAMAGE.

B.) FOR THE FIRST TIME THE DECLASSIFICATION PROCESS
WILL INCLUDE A "BALANCING TEST." INFORMATION
WHICH CONTINUES TO MEET THE CLASSIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS SHOULD NEVERTHELESS BE DE-
CLASSIFIED IF THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN DISCLOSURE
OF THE INFORMATION OUTWEIGHS THE NEED TO PROTECT
IT.

C.) MOST DOCUMENTS MUST BE CLASSIFIED SECTION-BY-
SECTION, NOT AS A WHOLE. A LIMITED WAIVER
AUTHORITY IS PERMITTED, BUT SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN
WRITING STYLE MAY NEED TO BE MADE.

D.) FOR DOCUMENTS ORIGINATED AFTER DECEMBER 1, 1978,
ONLY THE AGENCY HEAD AND DEPUTY CAN CLASSIFY
A DOCUMENT AFTER AN FOI REQUEST FOR IT IS
RECEIVED.

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E.) AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION WILL NORMALLY OCCUR
NO LATER THAN SIX YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF
ORIGIN OF THE DOCUMENT. CERTAIN OFFICIALS MAY
EXTEND THIS LIMIT, BUT ONLY TO TWENTY YEARS,
RATHER THAN THE PRESENT THIRTY YEARS. THE HEAD
OF THE AGENCY HAS SOLE AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE
LIMIT PAST TWENTY YEARS. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION IS EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.

F.) INFORMATION NOT DECLASSIFIED EARLIER MUST BE
REVIEWED AT TWENTY YEARS, AND DECLASSIFIED
IMMEDIATELY OR MARKED FOR DECLASSIFICATION OR
RE-REVIEW AT A LATER DATE, WITHIN TEN YEARS.
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION NOT DECLASSIFIED
EARLIER MUST BE REVIEWED FOR DECLASSIFICATION
AT THIRTY YEARS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT'S COUNCIL ON CLASSIFICATION POLICY WILL
PREPARE REVISED REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT
THE ORDER IN ADVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE. A NATIONAL
SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE

ORDER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE. COPIES OF BOTH OF THESE
WILL BE SUPPLIED TO ALL POSTS IN ADVANCE OF THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECEMBER 1, 1978. POSTS SHOULD NOTE
THAT THE OLD ORDER (11652) REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL THAT
DATE. VANCE

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